UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT EASTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN SOUTHERN DIVISION

JOHN BURKS,

2:22-CV-12943-TGB

Plaintiff,

vs.

HARTFORD ACCIDENT COMPANY, LIFE AND INSURANCE

INSURANCE

Defendant.

ORDER REQUIRING PARTIES
TO SUBMIT A JOINT
DISCOVERY PLAN PURSUANT
TO FED. R. CIV. P. 26(f)

Counsel shall comply with Fed. R. Civ. Proc. Rule 26(f) and submit to the Court a joint discovery plan on or before **January 9, 2023**. In addition to the contents required under Rule 26(f), the joint discovery plan shall contain a case summary that:

- Summarizes the background of the action, the principal factual and legal issues for both sides, and the relief sought by the plaintiff(s);
- Outlines the proposed discovery and proposes an appropriate management plan, including a schedule setting discovery cutoff and trial dates; and
- Describes any outstanding or anticipated discovery disputes, the bases for any objections, and any anticipated motions, including dispositive motions;

The proposed discovery plan and case summary <u>shall</u> be filed with the Court.

The parties are directed to discuss the following during their discovery plan conference:

- i. The issues and narrowing the issues;
- ii. Subject matter jurisdiction;
- iii. Relationship to other cases;
- iv. Necessity of amendments to pleadings, additional parties, third-party complaints, etc.;
- v. Settlement, including alternative dispute resolution;
- vi. Progress of discovery (counsel are instructed to commence significant discovery prior to the conference);
- vii. Issues which may appropriately be resolved by motion; and
- viii. Estimated trial length.

Counsel are directed to discuss case evaluation (formerly "mediation") with their clients, and the prospect of obtaining authority to stipulate to be bound by the provisions of Mich. Ct. R. 2.403, including the section dealing with sanctions.

DATED this 14th day of December, 2022.

/s/Terrence G. Berg
TERRENCE G. BERG
United States District Judge